

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Quarterly Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018
5800 West Tenth Street
Little Rock, AR

MINUTES

Members present: Christabelle Krajewski, Stephenie Cooke, John Brochu, Christopher Lovelace, Jessica Tolliver
Absent: Alan Anderson

Presiding - Vice-Chairman Jessica Tolliver

Called to order 9:05 a.m.

Call to order, roll call, approval of minutes.

Vote for officers

John Brochu nominated, Chris Lovelace seconded nomination of Alan Anderson as chairman. Motion carried.

Stephenie Cooke nominated, Chris Lovelace seconded nomination of Jessica Tolliver as vice-chairman. Motion carried.

Vote for travel reimbursement

Chris Lovelace made a motion, seconded by John Brochu to approve the travel reimbursement at the maximum allowable rate per statute. Motion carried.

Continuing Education applications

Following were approved:

1. Understanding and Teaching Pain Management
2. How Can Educators Prepare Students for the Challenges of the Future
4. Military Veterans and Massage Therapy
5. Upper Spinal Dysfunction

Motion by Stephenie Cooke, second by Chris Lovelace to approve pending verification that the third hour is mandatory:

3. Panel Discussion on Issues Facing the Profession -- Approved pending verification that third hour is mandatory

Motion by Stephenie Cooke, second by John Brochu to table the following until there is receipt of more written information on what the Henderson Method is:

6. The Henderson Method - Upper Body
7. The Henderson Method - Lower Body

The committee requested the applicant to be in attendance at the next meeting in order to provide clarifications.

Old Business

1. Ad hoc committee update

No update from ad hoc committee, need to schedule a meeting. Discussion of maybe having the ability to have conference call/internet access for the meeting so that those interested can be either physically present or participate via conference call or the internet.

Next ad hoc committee meeting scheduled for Friday, April 13 from 9:00-12:00 in Room 801, 5800 Freeway Medical Building.

Old Business (continued)

2. Jinmei Fan hearing update - Order was sent revoking license. If it is appealed, it will be reviewed by the Board of Health in May.

New Business

1. Discussion regarding animal massage -- do massage rules only apply to humans? Should massage board regulate animal massage?

In most states, this is regulated by the Veterinary Board. Consensus was that the Massage Therapy Board will not take massage therapy license if someone engages in animal massage. Massage Therapy Board will not regulate animal massage, will not approve continuing education for it.

Legal will write an opinion on this issue.

Program update

Massage therapy rules are still not on legislative committees' agendas. Waiting on governor's office to put the rules on the committee agendas.

The process is: Board of Health proceeds with administrative rules process, prepares documents, documents go to governor's office, there is a 30-day comment period, then to two legislative committees, then back to governor's office for approval.

Public Comment

Discussion regarding continuing education classes. Classes need to be within scope of practice.

Discussion of if CE class is approved in the past and has been taught for years, should there be a review/renewal process for classes still being taught.

There should be a current list of all classes being taught. The above issues were referred to the ad hoc committee.

Question regarding how many active massage therapists in Arkansas - close to 2,200

Next ad hoc committee meeting - April 13, 2018 9:00-12:00

Next Massage Therapy Technical Advisory Committee meeting - June 1, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.